

Christopher's good natured volunteerism and commitment to Scouting exemplifies the qualities for which all Scouts strive: Honor, Loyalty, Courage, Cheerfulness and Service. For all of Christopher's hard work and devotion to these ideals, he has earned this coveted recognition.

As the father of two former Scouts, I understand the time and effort that is involved in fulfilling the ideals of being a Scout. I know that Christopher will continue to be a positive role model among his peers, a leader in his community, a friend to those in need and an inspiration to all. I want to extend my sincerest congratulations and best wishes to Christopher. His achievement of Eagle Scout and significant contributions to his community are truly outstanding. It is an honor to represent him in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE GILLETTE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Christine Gillette on being named the U.S. Small Business Administration's "1999 Small Business Media Advocate of the Year" for New Hampshire. This is a very commendable honor.

Christine is a journalist for the Portsmouth Herald. Her responsibilities entail covering business related news stories in the State. She produces two weekly business sections and covers business stories of local and regional interest.

She has received awards for her coverage of business in New Hampshire, including from New Hampshire Press Association for business and economic reporting and the New England Press Association. She has constantly shown a knack for reporting on the business community.

Her business associates commend Christine's dedication and enthusiasm about her job. They describe her as highly motivated, knowledgeable and talented. She has shown an ability to interpret change on a local scale as well as an international scale, and how it will affect Portsmouth area businesses. Her hard work and talent are commendable.

Once again, I wish to commend Christine on her receiving this award. I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. It is a pleasure to represent her in the United States Senate.●

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: Nos. 1 through 4, Nos. 37 through 43, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Public Health Service.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the mo-

tion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Susan G. Esserman, of Maryland, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Edwin M. Truman, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

George M. Langford, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Joseph A. Miller, Jr., of Delaware, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Robert C. Richardson, of New York, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Cleo Parker Robinson, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2004.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Maxine L. Savitz, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Luis Sequeira, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Alice Rae Yelen, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2001.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Public Health Service nominations beginning Roger I.M. Glass, and ending Richard C. Whitmire, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of January 19, 1999.

Public Health Service nominations beginning Grant L. Campbell, and ending Ann M. Witherspoon, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of January 19, 1999.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1999

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on

Thursday, April 22. I further ask that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate begin 2 hours of debate, equally divided, on the lockbox amendment, with a vote taking place on cloture at 11:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. VOINOVICH. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will convene at 9:30 a.m., and immediately resume debate on the Social Security lockbox legislation, with a vote on cloture at approximately 11:30 a.m. If cloture is not invoked, it is the intention of the leader to proceed to the important Y2K legislation following the vote. Interested Senators should be prepared to stay for the debate. The Senate may also consider other legislative or executive items cleared for action.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator FEINGOLD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EARTH DAY 1999

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today, as a part of the celebration of Earth Week, I join with my other colleagues who have come to the floor calling for a renewal of this body's longstanding bipartisan commitment to the Nation's environment. I am doing so because, following the 29th Earth Day celebration tomorrow, the Nation and the 106th Congress will begin planning to commemorate three decades of Earth Days this time next year.

We need to begin now to shape and bring forward a positive environmental agenda which will earn the support of both political parties so that when the 30th Earth Day arrives, our actions to protect the environment will not be viewed as falling short of the mark.

At the beginning of this Congress, I wrote to the majority leader and the Democratic leader with suggestions of legislative areas where I believe significant opportunities actually exist for bipartisan cooperation. Among the areas I highlighted was the environment; specifically, the protection of public lands, such as passing comprehensive natural resources funding legislation which would allow the States and the Federal Government to